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1. JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH INVESTIGATIONS AND ACTIONS AGAINST FORMER JUNTA MEMBERS. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS ARREST FEBRUARY 3 OF RETIRED GENERAL GEORGE ZOITAKIS, REGENT OF KINGDOM OF GREECE, 1967-72. GREEK RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR ENDORSED INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT ZOITAKIS BE REMANDED IN CUSTODY ON ACCUSATION OF HIGH TREASON AND UNSURRECTION. RETIRED GENERAL ODYSSEUS ANGELIS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF GREEK ARMED FORCES, 1968-73, IS ALSO UNDER INVESTIGATION BUT NO DECISION AS YET ON HIS STATUS. INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO TAKE TESTIMONY TODAY FROM OTHER FORMER JUNTA LEADERS CONSTANTINE PAPADOPOULOS, CONSTANTINE ASLANIDIS, CONSTANTINE KARYDAS AND PAUL KOTSELIS.

2. AS REPORTED EARLIER, GOG INVESTIGATION AND
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PROSECUTION OF APRIL 21, 1967 COUP LEADERS IS

PROCEEDING SYSTEMATICALLY AND AT DELIBERATE PACE
WITH APPROXIMATELY 40 ACCUSED WAITING TO MAKE
DEFENSE PLEA. ZOITAKIS ARREST IS NOT LIKELY TO
START ANY PUBLIC OR OTHER REACTION. HIS MILITARY
CAREER, INCLUDING HIS FIVE-YEAR STINT AS REGENT, WAS
BY HIS OWN ADMISSION THAT OF A "SIMPLE MILITARY MAN"
WHICH TERMINATED ABRUPTLY WITH HIS DISMISSAL AS
REGENT ON ALLEGATION THAT HE MIGHT BE SERVING AS RALLYING
POINT OF INTRA-JUNTA OPPOSITION.
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